

# State Need Grant May 2009 Workshop



# Today's Topics

- SNG 2009-10 Budget
- New MFI cutoffs/Award amount details
- SNG related legislation
- Policy focus areas
- SNG tutorials
- Reminders/Timelines
- Questions

# SNG 2009-10 Budget



- \$210,343,229 General/Legacy Fund appropriation
- + 1,133,343 Federal LEAP/SLEAP dollars
- \$211,476,572 State Need Grant Program
- + 500,000 Less than Halftime Pilot
- \$211,976,572 Available SNG funds



# SNG Statistics



Despite the difficult budget situation the Legislature continues to hold the very lowest income students harmless from the tuition and fee increases on a dollar for dollar basis.

<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
<b>\$167,702,000</b>	<b>\$182,720,000</b>	<b>\$195,501,457</b>	<b>\$211,976,572</b>
<b>66,000 Students served</b>	<b>±70,000 Students served</b>	<b>±70,000 Students served</b>	<b>±70,000 Students served</b>

(25%+ dollar growth in last four years)  
68 schools are currently participating

# SNG 2009-10 MFI Chart

MFIs for 2009-2010 SNG Program (rounded to nearest \$500)					
Family Size	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%
1	20,000	22,000	24,000	26,500	28,500
2	26,500	29,000	31,500	34,500	37,000
3	32,500	36,000	39,000	42,500	45,500
4	39,000	42,500	46,500	50,500	54,500
5	45,000	49,500	54,000	58,500	63,000
6	51,500	56,500	61,500	66,500	72,000
7	52,500	57,500	63,000	68,000	73,500
8	53,500	59,000	64,500	69,500	75,000
9	55,000	60,000	65,500	71,000	76,500
10	56,000	61,500	67,000	72,500	78,500

Note: Two additional MFI ranges added in 2009 Legislative session.  
Maximum remains at 70% MFI.

# SNG Percentage of Award MFI Chart

Percent of fulltime award covered at different MFI ranges	
MFI Range	2009-10 Percentage of Award
0%-50%	100%
51%-55%	70%
56%-60%	65%
61%-65%	60%
66%-70%	50%

- Institution programming will need to be updated
- These lowered more frequent steps in percentage of award saves approximately \$4.5 million in program costs.




# SNG Award Amounts

Sector	Median Family Income				
	0% - 50%	51% - 55%	55% - 60%	61% - 65%	66%-70%
Research	\$6,876	\$4,796	\$4,450	\$4,103	\$3,410
Private Four Year	\$6,876	\$4,796	\$4,450	\$4,103	\$3,410
Regional	\$5,030	\$3,505	\$3,250	\$2,996	\$2,488
Applied Baccalaureates	\$5,030	\$3,505	\$3,250	\$2,996	\$2,488
Community and Technical Colleges	\$2,690	\$1,867	\$1,729	\$1,592	\$1,318
Private Vocational	\$2,690	\$1,867	\$1,729	\$1,592	\$1,318
2009-10 Dependent Care Allowance	\$845	\$592	\$549	\$507	\$426

- Note: Grant amounts are based on the assumption that each sector's authorizing body will authorize the maximum tuition/fee increase as authorized by the legislature. Award amounts are subject to change based on T/F authorization levels.

# SNG Awards- additional details

- Private four year sector award amounts equal Research sector award amounts 
- Dependent Care Allowance (DCA):
  - Increases each year by the same percentage as the WFAA Budget
  - Awarded at school's discretion
  - Dependent must be someone other than the student's spouse
  - Student has to validate "need" for DCA
  - DCA awards cannot duplicate costs covered by another agency



# SNG Award Amount Calculations

- The original fulltime grant awards as determined in the SNG model have been reduced by \$55, the per student offset of additional federal Pell dollars that cover beyond Cost of Attendance.
- This offset amount is subtracted after the MFI percentage and before the enrollment percentage.
- Example:

$$[(\text{<max award amount>} * \text{<MFI percentage>}) - \text{<Pell offset>}] * \text{<enrollment percentage>}$$

A research sector student is in the 66% MFI range and is attending ½ time.

$$[(\text{<6,931>} * \text{<.50>}) - \text{<\$55>}] * \text{<.50>} = \$1,704 \text{ SNG award}$$

From Legislative conference SNG Model

# SNG Award Chart Excerpt

	Fulltime=100%			¾ time=75%			½ time=50%			¼ time=25%		
<b>0-50% MFI</b>	Award	/3	/2	Award	/3	/2	Award	/3	/2	Award	/3	/2
Dependent Care	\$845	\$282	\$423	\$634	\$211	\$317	\$423	\$141	\$211	\$211	\$70	\$106
Research-Priv. 4 Yr.	\$6,876	\$2,292	\$3,438	\$5,157	\$1,719	\$2,578	\$3,438	\$1,146	\$1,719	\$1,719	\$573	\$859
with DCA	\$7,721	\$2,574	\$3,860	\$5,790	\$1,930	\$2,895	\$3,860	\$1,287	\$1,930	\$1,930	\$643	\$965
Regionals	\$5,030	\$1,677		\$3,773	\$1,258		\$2,515	\$838		\$1,258	\$419	
with DCA	\$5,875	\$1,958		\$4,407	\$1,469		\$2,938	\$979		\$1,469	\$490	
CC's - TC's - Prop	\$2,690	\$897	\$1,345	\$2,018	\$673	\$1,009	\$1,345	\$448	\$673	\$673	\$224	\$336
with DCA	\$3,535	\$1,178	\$1,768	\$2,651	\$884	\$1,326	\$1,768	\$589	\$884	\$884	\$295	\$442

Unadjusted grant	
Yr 1	
\$	6,930.58
\$	5,085.34
\$	2,745.10

Multiplying \$6,876 X 70%= \$4,813.20 does not give you the correct full time 51-55% MFI award. Must take \$6,930.58 X 70% - 55 = \$4,796. Note: \$17.20 difference in this example.

# SNG Related Legislation

- SSHB 1355 Opportunity Internship Program

Sec. 8 (2) If an opportunity internship graduate enrolls within one year of high school graduation in a postsecondary program of study in an institution of higher education, including in an apprenticeship program with related and supplemental instruction provided through an institution of higher education, **the graduate is eligible to receive a state need grant for up to one year.** The graduate shall not be required to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis. The related and supplemental instruction provided to a graduate through an apprenticeship program shall not be required to lead to a degree or certificate.

- First potential cohort is 20010-11
- Eligible names will be uploaded to HECB by Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.



# SNG Related Legislation

- ESSHB 2021

**Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 28B.92 RCW to read as follows:**

- (1) To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose and within overall appropriations for the state need grant, enhanced need grants are provided for persons who meet all of the following criteria: (a) Are needy students as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; (b) Are placebound students as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; and (c) Have completed the associate of arts or the associate of science degree, or its equivalent.
  - (2) The **enhanced need grants established** in this section are provided to this specific group of students **in addition to the base state need grant**, as defined by rule of the board.
- **No funds have been appropriated** for this purpose for the 2009-11 biennium through State Need Grant

# SNG Policy Focus



- **Eligible program** - student must be enrolled in a program that does one of the following:
  1. Leads to: baccalaureate, associate, or undergraduate professional degree
  2. Leads to a postsecondary vocational certificate or degree in a program of at least 600 clock hours, 16 semesters or 24 quarter credit hours. Completion must prepare the student for gainful employment in a recognized occupation
- **Clock hour school payment periods:**
  1. Payments will be made for 300 clock hour increments within a quarter term payment schedule
  2. Exception for less-than-halftime awards



# 25% Self Help

- The **Self Help** list has **expanded** to include:

- Conditional Scholarship Programs
- Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth
- Passport to College Promise Scholarship
- Academic Competitive Grant (ACG)
- National SMART Grant

**\*Other aid types are being considered by the SFA workgroup**

**If a source is not listed under the Program Manual guidance consider the following:**

*Note: When determining if an unlisted source shall be treated as Self-Help, consider whether the level of effort to earn the source equates to the kind of effort necessary to earn other sources such as a merit scholarship based on a substantial period of academic achievement.*



# Repayment Policy

Required for 2009-10



- Basic formula for **known last date of attendance**, prior to or on 50% of the term:
  1.  $\text{SNG \% earned} = \text{days in attendance} / \text{calendar days in term}$
  2.  $100\% \text{ less SNG \% earned} = \% \text{ of unearned SNG}$
  3.  $\% \text{ of unearned SNG} \times \text{grant amount}$
  4. Product of line 3.  $\times 50\%$  to determine SNG repayment due
- If **last date of attendance is not known**, assume 50% earned but repayment amount is not multiplied by 50% (no step 4)
- **No shows** will owe 100% of original award
- Note: All monies, whether disbursed to the student account or directly to the student, shall be included in the repayment calculation.

# New Repayment Policy (cont)

- Clarification:
  - Funds returned to school's SNG reserve should reduce the student's net "award".
- Effects of this policy:
  - Incorporates both SNG and Educational Opportunity Grant
  - Repayments calculated the same way at all participating schools, ensuring that students are treated equitably
  - State monies are not affected by institutional refund policies or placed at the bottom of the federal repayment priority list

# **New Repayment Policy (cont)**

Effects of this policy (cont.):

- Allows grant amounts to be fully earned at 50 percent of the term
- Allows an adjustment at the end of the repayment calculation (for official withdrawals) that provides relief for irretrievable cost of attendance expenses
- Provides incentive for students to officially withdraw



# SNG Tutorials Available Online

- Individual SNG PowerPoint tutorials becoming available on HECB's website:

<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/>

- Focused on individual topics
- Keeps information dynamic and relevant
- Can access anytime
- More tutorials to come
- Requests for tutorial topics welcome

# ADJUSTING THE AWARD

- Attendance Less Than 9 Months
  - Students only attending 1 quarter get  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the award
- Fourth Quarter/3<sup>rd</sup> Semester Awards
  - The value of the additional term is calculated just as any other term. Here, it's permissible to exceed the annual grant amount
- Fractional Last Term:
  - Fractional awards are allowed. Refer to the calculation on page 13 of the SNG program manual





# SNG Reminders



- Eligible **foster youth** are guaranteed SNG funds. If school reserves are depleted, contact HECB
- **Retain SNG award documentation** for six years
- **LTHT reserves are separate** from SNG reserves. SNG reserves can not be used for LTHT students. Track all eligible LTHT students on interim reports
- SNG **repayments** need to be **calculated separately** from federal repayment calculations.
- Report **all eligible** students for Regular and LTHT SNG on interim reports. Make sure lists are vetted before reporting.



# State Need Grant Reports for **2009-10**

**Record Layouts are on-line at**

<https://fortress.wa.gov/hecb/secure/login.asp>

- Report Due Dates

<b>Fall</b>	<b>November 6, 2009</b>
<b>Winter</b>	<b>February 5, 2010</b>
<b>Spring</b>	<b>May 7, 2010</b>
<b>Recon</b>	<b>July 9, 2010</b>





# Summer SNG Timelines

- June- Initial reserve notifications  
(90% of 09-10 funds will be committed)
- July 13th- Reconciliation of 2008-09 academic year begins
- August (end of month)- Finalized reserve notifications  
(100% of 2009-10 funds committed)

\*Note: Updated archive becomes available after reconciliation process is completed for [all](#) schools

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